

Court Briefs

Family court services grants encourage research

The deadline is January 10, 2000, for applications for research projects that can inform the policies and practices of California family court services, the Statewide Office of Family Court Services has announced. The statewide office anticipates funding one or two research projects, totaling \$50,000, in June 2000.

Applications and additional information about the statewide office's work is available at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courtadmin/aoc/fcs/ or by writing: Research

Grant Program, Statewide Office of Family Court Services, Administrative Office of the Courts, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102-3660.

Access to Visitation Grant Program in third year

California's Access to Visitation Grant Program is beginning its third year of operation. For fiscal year 1999–2000, the Family Law Subcommittee of the Judicial Council's Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee awarded approximately \$900,000 to 32 counties.

the Office of Justice Programs of the U.S. Department of Justice; the Justice Management Institute; the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; the National Drug Court Institute; and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, have been working with practitioners from around the country to ensure that workshop sessions reflect needs of practitioners in the field.

To reserve a space, conference sponsors urge interested persons to register early. For registration fee discounts, registration should be made by December 15, 1999.

● Contact: For more information, NADCP Vice-President Lolita R. Curtis, 703-706-0576. ■

The program's goal is to increase nonresidential parents' access to their children, improve the quality of parent/child relationships, and expand the scope and availability of support services to families with children who are now or have been in the state's family courts.

Funding to all states for Non-Custodial Access and Visitation Programs is provided by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-193, 110 Stat. 2258), Title III, Subtitle I—Enhancing Responsibility for Non-Residential Parents, section 469B of the Social Security Act. State funds are based on the number of single-parent households.

The grant program focuses primarily on supervised visitation and neutral drop-off and exchange services, parent education, and group counseling.

The programs listed below were funded for fiscal year 1999–2000:

▼ The Access to Visitation Program—El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, and Yolo Counties;

▼ The Butte and Glenn Counties Supervised Visitation Program;

▼ Connections for Kids: A Five-County Collaboration for Integrated Access Program—Monterey, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz Counties;

▼ The Family Cohesion Collaborative—Napa and San Francisco Counties;

▼ The Parents and Children Together Safely (PACTS) program—San Bernardino County;

▼ The Parental Access Program Alliance (PAPA)—San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties;

▼ The SAFE Program (Safe Access and Friendly Exchange for Kids)—Los Angeles County;

▼ The Program for Enhancing Responsibility and Opportunity for Non-Residential Parents—Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino Counties;

▼ The Unified Parents Access Program—Shasta, Siskiyou Tehama, and Trinity Counties;

▼ The Visitation, Education, Collaboration, Training, Outreach, Resources Project (VECTOR)—Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Sonoma, and Stanislaus Counties.

● Contact: For more information on the Access to Visitation Grant Program, Timothy Gemelli, Access Grants Coordinator, 415-865-7564, or Youn Kim, Staff Analyst, 415-865-7568, both in the Statewide Office of Family Court Services.

MILESTONES

Los Angeles Superior Court **Judge Judith C. Chirlin** received the National Center for State Courts' 1999 Distinguished Service Award. Chief Justice Ronald M. George made the presentation at the California Judges Association annual meeting in October. Judge Chirlin was selected for her outstanding contributions to the improvement of court administration, both nationally and internationally, and for furthering the national center's goals.

Diane Nunn, Managing Attorney of the Judicial Council's Center for Children and the Courts, is the recipient of the prestigious 1999 Legal Advocate of the Year Award from the National Association of Counsel for Children. Ms. Nunn was recognized for her outstanding work in developing and implementing innovative court-related programs for children and families in the court system.

Kiri Torre, Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts Trial Court Services Division for nearly six years, is the new Assistant Executive Officer of the Superior Court of Santa Clara County, effective November 1.

Los Angeles Municipal Court Presiding Judge **Veronica S. McBeth** is this year's recipient of the Franklin N. Flaschner Award, given annually by the American Bar Association to recognize an outstanding judge serving in a court of limited or special jurisdiction.

Michael J. Yerly, Clerk of the Court, Sixth Appellate District (San Jose), is the 1999–2000 president-elect of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks. A former Judicial Council advisory member, Mr. Yerly has served at the Court of Appeal, Sixth Appellate District since 1985. The National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks was established in 1973 to improve the skills and knowledge of its members in court administration.

Two Californians were elected to the 1999–2000 board of the National Association of Court Management (NACM), the world's largest organization of court management professionals. **Alan Carlson**, Executive Officer of the Superior Court of San Francisco, was elected vice-president, and **José Octavio Guillen**, Executive Officer of the Superior Court of Napa County, was elected Appointed Director. ■

Facing Teen Parenting Issues

A workgroup of family court services directors and administrators of teen parenting programs throughout California has begun addressing in a systematic manner the legal problems of pregnant and parenting minors.

The Statewide Office of Family Court Services, in partnership with the Stuart Foundation, convened the Teen Parents and Courts Workgroup with participants from selected regions with high teen birthrates and programs established to support this population. Representatives from Alameda, Orange, Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Clara, and 12 far northern counties participated in the project over the last two and a half years, concluding July 30, 1999. Public Counsel Law Center administered the workgroup's activities, including research, conferences, and meetings to analyze the effect of laws, policies, and advocacy efforts on teen parents.

The conferences, held in Los Angeles, San Jose, and Redding, focused on legal issues regarding teen parents, welfare reform, statutory rape law, and ways in which agencies could cooperate in meeting the needs of teen parents. As the group explored the legal issues of teen parents, one urgent issue surfaced: the needs of children in probate guardianships. As a result, a system for gathering statistical information on probate guardianships is being developed and will be disseminated throughout the state. In addition, the workgroup is developing a funding proposal to analyze the needs of this population in order to recommend systems changes necessary to best serve this at-risk group of children.

The Stuart Foundation approved grants totaling \$195,000 to fund the workgroup's activities and products.

● Contact: For more information, Phil Reedy, Statewide Office of Family Court Services, 415-865-7556.

Workshops

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Abuse Treatment (CSAT) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is convening the conference, which is expected to draw more than 600 individuals.

The conference will feature 42 workshops and preconference workshop sessions on topics such as the critical elements of a juvenile drug court, the role of the juvenile drug court judge, adolescent development, and the pharmacology of drug addiction.

The NADCP and CSAT, in collaboration with the American University in Washington, D.C.; the Drug Courts Program Office;

Judicial Appointments

The Governor appointed the following new judges in October.

COURTS OF APPEAL

Candace D. Cooper, of the Los Angeles Superior Court, to Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Two (Los Angeles), succeeding Morio Fukuto, retired.

Steven Z. Perren, of the Superior Court of Ventura County, to Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Six (Ventura), succeeding Arthur Gilbert, elevated.

Arthur Gilbert, Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Six (Ventura), to Presiding Justice of that division, succeeding Steven Stone, retired.

TRIAL COURTS

Verna Alana Adams to the Superior Court of Marin County, succeeding John Stephen Graham, who was elected to the superior court.

Deirdre H. Hill to the Los Angeles Municipal Court, succeeding Jon M. Mayeda, elevated.

Marshall York Hockett to the Superior Court of San Diego County, succeeding James M. Lester, retired.

Kent M. Kellebrew, commissioner, to the Superior Court of Ventura County, succeeding William L. Peck, retired.

Jon M. Mayeda, of the Los Angeles Municipal Court, to the Los Angeles Superior Court, succeeding Victor T. Barrera, retired.

Loren E. McMaster to the Superior Court of Sacramento County, succeeding Peer N. Mering, retired.

Dennis M. Perluss to the Los Angeles Superior Court, succeeding Joseph R. Kalin, retired.

Richard Edward Rico to the Los Angeles Municipal Court, succeeding James Kaddo, who was elected to the superior court.

Leslie A. Swain to the Los Angeles Municipal Court, succeeding James Zarifes, retired. ■

D. Kent Pedersen, 1948–1999

Colleagues mourned the passing of Mr. D. Kent Pedersen, San Diego Municipal Court court administrator and Clerk of the Court for over 18 years. He became assistant executive officer of the Superior Court of San Diego County when the court systems unified last December. Mr. Pedersen died on October 22 after a lengthy illness.

"He was an extremely professional administrator and an extremely special human being who had an amazing knowledge of the court system and a compassion for the employees," said Superior Court Judge H. Donald Domnitz, a former Municipal Court presiding judge.

Leading Justice Into the Future

Judicial Council Advisory Committees and Task Forces Show the Way

Each year, hundreds of volunteers from around the state contribute to the work of the Judicial Council. These men and women represent every facet of court administration and serve on some 25 committees and task forces, from the Access and Fair-

ness Advisory Committee to the Court Interpreters Advisory Panel to the Task Force on Jury System Improvements. They generously give their time, lend their perspectives, and apply their expertise to the complex challenges facing California courts. Their

efforts inform the council's decisions and advance our common goal: improving the administration of justice in our state.

Our thanks to the nearly 600 men and women who not only share the ideals of equal access under law and an independent

judiciary but are also willing to work to guarantee them.

Note: Individuals listed here served on Judicial Council committees and task forces for the period August 1, 1998, through October 30, 1999. Any omissions are unintentional. ■

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